

REMARKS

Claims in the Case

Claims 1-4 and 6-18 are canceled. Claim 5 was previously canceled. Claims 19-27 are currently pending in the case.

Indication of Allowed Claims

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the indication in the Final Office Action that claims 19-27 are allowed.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has canceled rejected claims 1-4 and 6-18. Claim 5 was previously canceled. Only allowed claims 19-27 are now currently pending. As such, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections and Reservation of Rights

The Final Office Action continues its rejections of claims 1-4 and 6-18 over U.S. 6,226,296 (Lindsey), alone and in combination with U.S. 5,757,801 (Arimilli), and over U.S. 4,628,501 (Loscoe). Applicant traverses these rejections.

Applicant continues to disagree with these rejections, as set forth in Applicant's prior Response. However, Applicant has decided to allow the allowed claims to issue. As such, Applicant has canceled rejected claims or amended them to depend from allowed independent claims, as set forth above.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims, as well as new claims of different and possibly broader scope, in continuation applications.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian W. Peterman", is written over a horizontal line.

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